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The undersigned will participate in the "Common Biometric Exchange File Format" development at a Workshop to be held in the Washington Metropolitan area on September 17th, 1999 and/or in preliminary activities in preparation for the Workshop. These preliminary activities may include participation in an email reflector, teleconferences among participants and in a participant's ad-hoc group. The purpose of these preliminary activities and the September Workshop is to discuss the development of a "technology-blind" Biometric file format that will facilitate handling different Biometric types, versions, and Biometric data structures in a common way. To that end, PARTICIPANT HEREBY AGREES AND ACCEPTS THE FOLLOWING:

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